



Australian  
College of  
Nursing

Course Guide 2024

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Upskill with Australia's largest  
provider of nursing graduate certificates

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## WELCOME TO ACN

# UPGRADE YOUR NURSING CAREER

**If you are ready to take a deep dive into the nursing specialty you are passionate about and upgrade your nursing career, you have come to the right place!**

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) supports nurses to achieve their professional goals at all stages of their careers.

What sets us apart? Unlike a university, we focus exclusively on nursing education. All our courses are written by expert nurses, for nurses. This means you will receive a relevant, practical education that will prepare you for the real world.

We understand the demands of nursing and your need for flexibility. That's why our graduate certificates are designed to accommodate your busy schedule, offering an online delivery mode and part-time study options.

As a proud membership association, members of the ACN tribe receive an exclusive 10% discount on our graduate certificates. We also offer FEE-HELP to remove the financial stress of studying.

With a diverse selection of 20 graduate certificates, you can specialise in the specific area that aligns with your career aspirations.

And if you're still undecided, consider completing one of our 69 Single Units of Study to test the waters.

Elevate your nursing career today, with ACN by your side, every step of the way.

\* The ACN Member discount cannot be applied to the Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Re-entry).

## ACN EDUCATION IN NUMBERS

# FAST FACTS



20

Graduate Certificates



69

Single Units  
of Study



170

expert tutors and  
nurse educators



74

years experience  
delivering higher education



6,500+

students  
graduated since 2012



93.8%

of graduates find  
employment



## WHAT SETS US APART

# WHY STUDY WITH ACN

### CREATED FOR NURSES, BY NURSES

All our graduate certificates are written and delivered by expert nurses offering you real-world experience and practical skills that are tailored to your career.

### FLEXIBLE LEARNING TO SUIT YOUR LIFESTYLE

We understand that most nurses do not operate on a 9-5 schedule, that's why we offer flexible, online learning to suit your individual routine and lifestyle.

### ONGOING SUPPORT, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Online learning does not mean you will be left to your own devices! Our expert team of tutors and educators is here to guide you throughout your learning journey.

### DITCH THE FINANCIAL STRESS

Save 10%\* by becoming an ACN member and access FEE-HELP to finance your studies through an interest free loan.

### FAST-TRACK YOUR CAREER GOALS

Take control of your future, gain a reputable postgraduate qualification in only one year, all while studying part-time.

### TAILORED EDUCATION FOR SPECIFIC SPECIALTIES

ACN offers the largest number of nursing graduate certificates in Australia. By studying with ACN you can deep dive into the specific specialty you are passionate about.

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## GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

# GET VALUABLE INDUSTRY SKILLS WITH A COMPETITIVE EDGE

- Demonstrate enhanced professional, social and ethical understanding in a specialist area of practice.
- Apply complex problem solving and information literacy skills to the development of evidence-based practice, research and policy reform.
- Engage in behaviour that is culturally appropriate, safe and sensitive to the needs of people in their care.
- Demonstrate an understanding of, and respect for, Australian Aboriginal values, culture and knowledge to build trust and improve health outcomes.
- Combine advanced communication skills with an awareness of global health determinants to independently and collaboratively lead and educate others.
- Reflect and think critically to be better able to care for self, improve health outcomes, and influence safe and effective professional practice.

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

## GETTING STARTED

**Admission to graduate certificate courses is based on academic merit and selection. In addition, applicants must satisfy any prerequisites or additional requirements specified for particular courses, including ACN's general eligibility criteria.**

All applicants seeking admission are required to:

- hold a Bachelor of Nursing or registered nurse equivalent qualification
- hold current registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra); or the equivalent registering authority in your country of origin
- meet the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia English language skills registration standard (nursing and midwifery) – please refer to the [Ahpra website](#) to download the standard
- have a minimum of one year of postgraduate experience; and
- be currently employed in the clinical area of specialisation.

For specific entry requirements for the course you are interested in, please refer to the information listed on the ACN website.

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## RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

If you have already completed relevant study, you may be eligible to apply for recognition of prior learning to shorten the duration of your ACN graduate certificate. You can learn more on our [website](#).

Once you have completed an ACN graduate certificate you may be able to receive advanced standing for a Graduate Diploma or Masters degree depending on the rules of the university.

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# IMPORTANT DATES

2024	Commences	Census date	Ends	Grade release
Term 1	22 January 2024	5 February 2024	31 March 2024 (Easter holiday)	15 April 2024
Term 2	15 April 2024	29 April 2024	23 June 2024	8 July 2024
Term 3	8 July 2024	22 July 2024	15 September 2024	30 September 2024
Term 4	30 September 2024	14 October 2024	8 December 2024	20 January 2025

## FEEES

ACN members receive an exclusive 10% discount on graduate certificates\*, in addition to a suite of other benefits to progress their careers, including free CPD courses, networking opportunities and access to the ACN Professional Portfolio.

[Learn more](#)

Tiers	2024 Member price (10% discount*)	2024 Non-member price
Tier 1	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
Tier 2	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
Tier 3	\$3,095.00	\$3,440.00
Tier 4	\$3,700.00	\$4,110.00

## FEE-HELP

ACN is an approved FEE-HELP provider. FEE-HELP is a loan scheme that assists eligible fee-paying students to pay all or part of their tuition fees using an interest-free loan.

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Knowledge is power and post graduate education is the key to creating specialist nurses and optimal patient outcomes.

**CATHERINE GILLAM**  
ACN GRADUATE CERTIFICATE STUDENT



## STUDENT RESOURCES

# *TOOLS TO HELP YOU SUCCEED*

### KATIE ZEPPS NURSING LIBRARY

The Katie Zepps Nursing Library, located in ACN's Sydney office in Parramatta, is the largest dedicated nursing library in the Southern Hemisphere and a fantastic resource for nursing students.

ACN students have access to online library services and our specialist library staff can help you undertake individual searches and provide advice on a wide range of subjects.

### OFFICE 365

ACN students have access to Office 365 Education for free, throughout the duration of their course and 30 days after the course completion date.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

# FUNDING TO REALISE YOUR DREAMS

**The ACN Foundation is dedicated to helping nurses be the best they can be by providing access to scholarships, grants and awards.**

ACN Foundation scholarships:

- assist nurses who are unable to enrol in postgraduate courses due to financial constraints
- provide funding for nurses to continue their professional development
- support the growth of nursing leadership skills
- assist a greater number of nurses throughout Australia to develop the skills required to ensure the standard of health care delivery is the best in the world.

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# ACUTE CARE NURSING



Online  
learning



FEE-HELP  
is available



January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

Studying ACN's Graduate Certificate in Acute Care Nursing will provide you with the principles required to meet the diverse needs of individuals admitted to the acute care setting, in order to improve your knowledge and skills for the provision and coordination of evidence-based, person-centred care. The aim is to encourage professional and ethical understanding of clinical practice development to maintain quality and provide safe health care.

Understanding the nursing management of adults admitted to acute care settings with acute medical or surgical conditions is the focus of this course. As a student you will analyse and apply your knowledge and problem-solving skills to clinical case scenarios based on commonly encountered acute care presentations. The units of study provide an opportunity to extend your ability to undertake increasingly complex nursing activities in a range of acute medical and surgical care settings.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<a href="#">Advancing Professional Practice (340)</a>	Core	Term 1	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<a href="#">Advanced Applied Pathophysiology (in Clinical Practice) (344)</a>	Core	Term 2	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Acute Care Nursing (343)</a>	Core	Term 3	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<b>Choose one elective from the following:</b>	Elective	Term 4		
<a href="#">Assessing and Managing Adult Pain (113)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Principles of Infection Control (117)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Principles of Palliative Care Nursing (314)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Wound Management (050)</a>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# AGED CARE NURSING



Online  
learning



FEE-HELP  
is available



January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Aged Care Nursing studies the complex needs of the older person being cared for within diverse aged care environments. This course aims to strengthen and develop nurses' knowledge, skills, and attitudes about caring for older persons. The course provides an advanced grounding in research methods, in addition to developing the theoretical and practical aspects of management, clinical practice and education.

In this course, the Single Units of Study draw upon the student's nursing experience and combine this experience with theory, current research, and best practice guidelines to enhance the student's specialist knowledge and skills, critical thinking and analysis abilities, and clinical decision-making. Our unique blend of electives allows students to explore further a specific area of interest, such as Dementia Care and the Principles of Infection Control.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<a href="#">Advancing Professional Practice (340)</a>	Core	Term 1	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<a href="#">Assessment of the Older Person (054)</a>	Core	Term 2	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<b>Choose one elective from the following:</b>	Elective	Term 3		
<a href="#">Assessing and Managing Adult Pain (113)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Clinical Leadership in Aged Care (332)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Continence Management (045)</a>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<a href="#">Dementia Care (064)</a>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<a href="#">Healthy Ageing (053)</a>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<a href="#">Parkinson's Care (299)</a>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<a href="#">Infection Prevention and Control in Clinical Practice (364)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Principles of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Nursing (333)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Principles of Palliative Care Nursing (314)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Therapeutic Communication (317)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Wound Management (050)</a>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<a href="#">Clinical Issues in the Care of the Older Person (055)</a>	Core	Term 4	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS



Online  
learning



FEE-HELP  
is available



January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Alcohol and Other Drugs encourages professional and ethical understanding of evidence-based clinical practice development in alcohol and other drugs nursing. It will provide students with an understanding of substance use issues from both an individual and public health perspective. The course covers assessment, treatment and nursing care of persons experiencing alcohol and other drug dependence.

The course aims to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to improve outcomes through the coordination and provision of person-centred care in this growing speciality.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<u>Foundational Concepts in Drug and Alcohol Nursing (324)</u>	Core	Term 1	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Advancing Professional Practice (340)</u>	Core	Term 2	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Clinical Approaches in Drug and Alcohol Nursing (326)</u>	Core	Term 3	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Health Promotion and Harm Reduction in Alcohol and Other Drugs Nursing (338)</u>	Core	Term 4	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# BREAST CANCER NURSING



Online  
learning



FEE-HELP  
is available



July intake



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Breast Cancer Nursing will provide you with the principles of breast cancer nursing in order to improve your knowledge and skills for the provision and coordination of evidenced-based breast cancer care. The aim is to encourage professional and ethical understanding of clinical practice development for the improvement of patient outcomes.

Through critical analysis and reflection, you will receive the opportunity to evaluate your clinical and educational requirements to promote professional development for specialist breast cancer nursing care and lifelong learning. The course also supports development in clinical leadership roles, such as clinical nurse specialists, clinical nurse consultants or breast cancer nurse coordinators. The course focus includes the continuum of breast cancer care, evidence-based practice, future trends and the impact of breast cancer on individuals, their families and communities.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<a href="#">Advancing Professional Practice (340)</a>	Core	Term 1	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<a href="#">Principles of Breast Cancer Nursing (327)</a>	Core	Term 2	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<b>Choose one elective from the following:</b>	Elective	Term 3		
<a href="#">Assessing and Managing Adult Pain (113)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Principles of Cancer Care (329)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Principles of Palliative Care Nursing (314)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Therapeutic Communication (317)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Care Continuum and Survivorship in Breast Cancer Nursing (328)</a>	Core	Term 4	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# CANCER NURSING



Online  
learning



FEE-HELP  
is available



January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing will provide you with the knowledge and skills required to coordinate and provide culturally-safe, evidenced-based cancer care. The course aims to enhance students' professional and ethical understanding in order to facilitate clinical practice development and improve patient outcomes.

The course responds to industry requirements for flexible multifaceted practitioners capable of practicing in various cancer care environments and in specialist cancer nursing roles. The prevention, diagnosis, pathology and treatment of various cancer types - from diagnosis and primary care, to follow-up, survivorship and palliative care - are explored using an interprofessional team approach. Future treatment trends and the impact a cancer diagnosis has on the individual, their significant others, and the broader community, are considered.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<u>Advancing Professional Practice (340)</u>	Core	Term 1	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Principles of Cancer Care (329)</u>	Core	Term 2	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<b>Choose one elective from the following:</b>	Elective	Term 3		
<u>Assessing and Managing Adult Pain (113)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Cellular Therapies (334)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Foundations of Haematology Nursing (312)</u>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Principles of Breast Cancer Nursing (327)</u>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Principles of Palliative Care Nursing (314)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Therapeutic Communication (317)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Understanding Data in Health Care (321)</u>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Advanced Concepts of Cancer Nursing (342)</u>	Core	Term 4	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH NURSING



Online  
learning



FEE-HELP  
is available



January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Child and Family Health Nursing provides students with a sound understanding of child and family health nursing practice within a legal, moral and ethical framework that reflects current models of care, government policy, and practice initiatives. Nurses working, or intending to work, in the specialty of child and family health require a clear understanding of primary health care, health promotion, parent-infant attachment, and the social determinants of health.

Students will explore family dynamics and the importance of connections between the child, family, and community. The course focuses on feeding and nutrition, safety and wellbeing, and growth and development in the early years from birth to age five. The graduate certificate responds to industry requirements by preparing students for practice, developing their educational needs, and fostering the professional skills and attributes they require to optimise health outcomes for the child and family.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price	Clinical Placement
<u>Advancing Professional Practice (340)</u>	Core	Term 1	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00	
<u>Infant and Child Nutrition and Feeding (201)</u>	Core	Term 2	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00	
<u>Child Development in the Family Context (018)</u>	Core	Term 3	\$3,095.00	\$3,440.00	Required
<u>Family and Child Health (040)</u>	Core	Term 4	\$3,095.00	\$3,440.00	Required

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# COMMUNITY AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NURSING



Online  
learning



FEE-HELP  
is available



January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Community and Primary Health Care Nursing is designed for nurses working in a variety of community, primary health and general practice settings. The course will enhance your knowledge and skills in prevention, early intervention and management of a range of often complex illnesses. Continuity of care and the facilitation of self-management is emphasised across the transition from acute to sub-acute and community care. The structure of the course recognises the evolving specialist primary health nursing role in practice nursing, community nursing and chronic disease management.

A Graduate Certificate in Community and Primary Health Care Nursing is an investment in your future and will provide you with the knowledge and skills needed to ensure better outcomes for your patients and progress your career, leading to opportunities in education, management, rural and remote nursing as well as specialist nursing roles.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<u>Advancing Professional Practice (340)</u>	Core	Term 1	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Chronic Disease Management in the Community (339)</u>	Core	Term 2	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<b>Choose one elective from the following:</b>	Elective	Term 3		
<u>Continence Management (045)</u>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain (316)</u>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Health Promotion and Harm Reduction in Alcohol and Other Drugs Nursing (338)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Principles of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Nursing (333)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Principles of Palliative Care Nursing (314)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Understanding Data in Health Care (321)</u>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Wound Management (050)</u>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<b>Choose one specialty elective from the following:</b>	Specialty elective	Term 4		
<u>Primary Health Nursing (265)</u>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Rural and Remote Nursing (341)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# COSMETIC NURSING



Online  
learning



FEE-HELP  
is available



January, April,  
July & October  
intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Cosmetic Nursing fulfils the educational needs of nurses currently working, or planning to work, in the cosmetic nursing environment. The course also aims to cultivate clinical leadership skills to support career development.

The course will provide nurses with an advanced knowledge of all aspects of cosmetic nursing, as well as an appreciation of the psychological and emotional needs of their clients, enabling them to provide evidence-based, holistic nursing care that reflects current best practice.

Participants will be required to successfully complete the following online modules provided in partnership with Bravura Education:

- Laser & Intense Pulsed Light Safety Officer training course (Cosmetic Practice)
- Advanced Laser & Intense Pulsed Light accreditation course (Applied Cosmetic Practice)

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<a href="#">Advancing Professional Practice (340)</a>	Core	Term 1	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<a href="#">Applied Dermatological Anatomy and Physiology (308)</a>	Core	Term 2	\$3,095.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Foundational Concepts in Cosmetic Nursing (309)</a>	Core	Term 3	\$3,700.00	\$4,110.00
<a href="#">Advanced Concepts in Cosmetic Nursing (310)</a>	Core	Term 4	\$3,700.00	\$4,110.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# CRITICAL CARE NURSING



Online  
learning



FEE-HELP  
is available



January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Critical Care Nursing enables students to develop specialist knowledge and skills required of a nurse in a variety of critical care areas, including coronary care, emergency departments and intensive care. This course fosters both academic and clinical competence enabling students to integrate theory into practice and further develop clinical decision-making skills.

Studying critical care nursing with ACN will provide you with the opportunity to explore the latest advances in technology and the associated nursing practice to meet the needs of the patient in the 21st century in each of the specialty areas in the critical care environment.

Our electives allow students to further explore a specific area of interest from ICU to emergency and cardiac nursing.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<u>Advanced Applied Pathophysiology (in Clinical Practice) (344)</u>	Core	Term 1	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Principles of Critical Care Nursing (281)</u>	Core	Term 2	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Advancing Professional Practice (340)</u>	Core	Term 3	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<b>Choose one specialty elective from the following:</b>	Specialty elective	Term 4		
<u>Cardiac Nursing (067)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Emergency Nursing (069)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Intensive Care Nursing (070)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# DERMATOLOGY NURSING



Online  
learning



FEE-HELP  
is available



January, April,  
July & October  
intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Dermatology Nursing is designed to meet the educational needs of clinicians who are working or would like to work in the diverse environment offering dermatological procedures. The course aims to provide nurses with an advanced knowledge of all aspects of dermatological nursing within a legal and ethical framework that reflects current best practice.

To work within the specialty, nurses require advanced dermatological and pharmacological knowledge, and an appreciation of the psychological and emotional needs of the people they are treating. Students are provided with the opportunity to reflect on experience and critique dermatology practice in light of current literature and research. The course also aims to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes relevant to clinical leadership.

This postgraduate course is unique to ACN and has been developed in collaboration with the Australian Dermatology Nurses Association (ADNA).

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price	Clinical Placement
<u>Advancing Professional Practice (340)</u>	Core	Term 1	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00	
<u>Applied Dermatological Anatomy and Physiology (308)</u>	Core	Term 2	\$3,095.00	\$2,565.00	
<u>Foundational Concepts of Dermatology Nursing (311)</u>	Core	Term 3	\$3,700.00	\$4,110.00	Required
<u>Advanced Concepts of Dermatology Nursing (313)</u>	Core	Term 4	\$3,700.00	\$4,110.00	Required

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# DIAGNOSTIC AND INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY NURSING



Online  
learning



FEE-HELP  
is available



January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology Nursing will provide you with the nursing knowledge required for advanced practice in the diagnostic and interventional radiology setting. Students will explore nursing's professional, legal, and ethical aspects and examine the provision and coordination of evidence-based, collaborative care required to meet the diverse needs of persons in the medical imaging environment.

Students analyse and apply their knowledge and problem-solving skills to clinical case scenarios based on commonly encountered clinical presentations. The units of study provide students with an opportunity to extend their practice to undertake increasingly complex nursing activities within the scope of diagnostic and interventional radiology nursing.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<b>Choose one core from the following:</b>	Core	Term 1		
<a href="#">Advancing Professional Practice (340)</a>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<a href="#">Principles of Diagnostic Medical Imaging Nursing (330)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<b>Choose one core or elective from the following:</b>	Core or elective	Term 2		
<a href="#">Advancing Professional Practice (340)</a>	Core		\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<a href="#">Interventional Radiology Nursing (331)</a>	Core		\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<a href="#">Anaesthetic Nursing (221)</a>	Elective		\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Post-anaesthetic Care Unit Nursing (318)</a>	Elective		\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Understanding Data in Health Care (321)</a>	Elective		\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00

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Choose one core or elective from the following:	Core or elective	Term 3	
<u>Advancing Professional Practice (340)</u>	Core	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Principles of Diagnostic Medical Imaging Nursing (330)</u>	Core	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Acute Care Nursing (343)</u>	Elective	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Assessing and Managing Adult Pain (113)</u>	Elective	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Instrument/Circulating Nursing (283)</u>	Elective	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Principles of Infection Control (117)</u>	Elective	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Therapeutic Communication (317)</u>	Elective	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
Choose one core or elective from the following:	Core or elective	Term 4	
<u>Advancing Professional Practice (340)</u>	Core	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Interventional Radiology Nursing (331)</u>	Core	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Anaesthetic Nursing (221)</u>	Elective	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Post-anaesthetic Care Unit Nursing (318)</u>	Elective	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Understanding Data in Health Care (321)</u>	Elective	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# DIGITAL HEALTH



Online  
learning



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January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Digital Health provides nurses with knowledge and understanding of all aspects of digital health within a professional legal, moral and ethical framework that reflects current best practices.

The course is designed to meet the educational needs of registered nurses working in the diverse digital health environment who wish to extend their skills in digital health care.

Students are provided with the opportunity to reflect on and critique their experiences considering current literature and research. The course aims to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes relevant to clinical leadership.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<u>Advancing Professional Practice (340)</u>	Core	Term 1	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Understanding Data in Health Care (321)</u>	Core	Term 2	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Principles of Healthcare Digitalisation (322)</u>	Core	Term 3	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Digital Healthcare Governance (325)</u>	Core	Term 4	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT



Online  
learning



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January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

Capable clinical leaders and managers are pivotal to the healthcare system as they are required to manage human and financial resources to provide quality patient care. ACN's Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Management is designed for registered nurses and midwives aspiring to management positions, as well as for those already holding such positions who wish to enhance their professional practice through formal study.

The course aims to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes relevant to clinical leadership and management incorporating human resource management, financial management and quality processes. Through the exploration and integration of theoretical knowledge and concepts, nurses are prepared for their role as leaders and managers within the contemporary healthcare landscape. The units of study encourage students to draw upon their experiences, providing opportunities to reflect on and critique their knowledge, and abilities, in light of current literature, research and best practice guidelines.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<u>Introduction to Leadership and Management (249)</u>	Core	Term 1	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Human Resource Management (302)</u>	Core	Term 2	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Financial Management (303)</u>	Core	Term 3	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Quality (284)</u>	Core	Term 4	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# NEONATAL CARE



Face-to-face  
and online



FEE-HELP  
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July intake



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Neonatal Care aims to improve neonatal clinical practice by enhancing the professional and ethical understanding, knowledge and skill of neonatal nurses and midwives, so that they are better able to provide evidence-based care, and optimise the health, growth and developmental outcomes of neonates and their families.

The course is founded on the principles of cultural safety, and developmentally supportive, family-centred care. The course responds to industry requirements for highly skilled neonatal clinicians capable of providing best practice in collaboration with other members of interprofessional teams and incorporates the Australian Standards for Neonatal Nurses, 4th Ed. (ACNN, 2019).

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<a href="#">Applied Neonatal Physiology (071)</a>	Core	Term 1	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Assessment of Growth and Development (255)</a>	Core	Term 2	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Neonatal Intensive Care (335)</a>	Core	Term 3	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Advancing Professional Practice (340)</a>	Core	Term 4	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# NURSING (RE-ENTRY)



Face-to-face



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February, May, June &  
September intakes



12 weeks

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Re-entry) is an approved course by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA). It is designed to enable returning nurses to attain the necessary level of practice in accordance with the Australian nursing standards. ACN has been offering re-entry programs for more than 17 years and our curriculum is accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) and Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA).

This course is a comprehensive, contemporary, and clinically relevant Graduate Certificate in Nursing and runs for a total of 12 weeks, full-time study. Delivery of the course consists of face-to-face, simulation, and self-directed learning, online activities, and clinical placement components.

In addition to gaining nursing registration in Australia, our Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Re-entry) is an investment in your future and will provide you with the knowledge and skills needed to ensure better outcomes for people in your care while facilitating further progression of your career. It will also provide you with a postgraduate qualification rendering the pathway towards higher degrees.

Unit	Type	Intake dates	Clinical Placement
Professional Nursing Concepts in Australian Health Care Context (304)	Core	12/02/2024 06/05/2024 03/06/2024 16/09/2024	
Clinical Nursing Practice in the Australian Health Care Context (305)	Core	12/02/2024 06/05/2024 03/06/2024 16/09/2024	Required

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# ORTHOPAEDIC NURSING



Online  
learning



FEE-HELP  
is available



January  
intake



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic Nursing is designed for registered nurses working in a variety of orthopaedic environments. This course aims to cultivate excellence in the delivery of nursing care through the exploration and integration of theoretical knowledge, evidence-based practice and clinical nursing.

Content includes exploration of the impact of acute and chronic illness, differentiation of the range of musculoskeletal dysfunction associated with trauma and emphasises assessment and management strategies within both the adult and paediatric setting.

Participants have an opportunity to expand their professional development and improve their research skills through online forums and discussion of professional and clinical issues. This online course uses a variety of learning modes including case studies, multimedia and discussion forums in a virtual classroom.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<u>Advancing Professional Practice (340)</u>	Core	Term 1	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Principles of Orthopaedic Nursing (042)</u>	Core	Term 2	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<b>Choose one elective from the following:</b>	Elective	Term 3		
<u>Advanced Applied Pathophysiology (in Clinical Practice) (344)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Assessing and Managing Adult Pain (113)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Assessment of the Older Person (054)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Therapeutic Communication (317)</u>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Understanding Data in Health Care (321)</u>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Wound Management (050)</u>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Clinical Practice in Orthopaedic Nursing (922)</u>	Core	Term 4	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# PAEDIATRIC NURSING STUDIES



Online  
learning



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January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

The Graduate Certificate in Paediatric Nursing Studies is designed to meet the educational needs of nurses working within the diverse contexts of contemporary paediatric health care.

The course aims to cultivate excellence in the provision of nursing care to sick infants, children and young adults, within a family-focussed framework. Through the exploration and integration of theoretical knowledge and clinical nursing, graduates are prepared for practice as specialist paediatric nurses within multidisciplinary healthcare teams.

There are three specialist streams to meet the individual needs of students, allowing nurses within these areas to share a common body of knowledge, while also advancing their specialty knowledge and expertise. These streams are: General Paediatrics, Paediatric Emergency and Paediatric Intensive Care.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<a href="#">Foundations of Paediatric Nursing (337)</a>	Core	Term 1	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Principles of Acute Paediatric Nursing (138)</a>	Core	Term 2	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<b>Choose one elective from the following:</b>	Elective	Term 3		
<a href="#">Advancing Professional Practice (340)</a>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<a href="#">Paediatric Pain – Assessment and Management (197)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Principles of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Nursing (333)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Principles of Palliative Care Nursing (314)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Therapeutic Communication (317)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Understanding Data in Health Care (321)</a>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<b>Choose one elective from the following:</b>	Elective	Term 4		
<a href="#">Infant and Child Nutrition and Feeding (201)</a>			\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Advancing Professional Practice (340)</a>			\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# PALLIATIVE CARE



Online  
learning



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January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

The Graduate Certificate in Palliative Care is designed for registered nurses who are looking to extend their palliative care capabilities to become future palliative care experts in their field. The course aims to prepare students for advanced practice as registered nurses with skills in palliative care clinical performance capabilities, critical decision-making and leadership skills.

Studying palliative care nursing with ACN will provide you with the principles of palliative care nursing in order to improve your knowledge and skills for the provision and coordination of evidenced-based palliative care. The aim is to encourage professional and ethical understanding of clinical practice development for the improvement of patient outcomes.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price
<u>Advancing Professional Practice (340)</u>	Core	Term 1	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00
<u>Principles of Palliative Care Nursing (314)</u>	Core	Term 2	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Therapeutic Communication (317)</u>	Core	Term 3	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<u>Advanced Concepts in Palliative Care Nursing (315)</u>	Core	Term 4	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# PERIOPERATIVE NURSING



Online  
learning



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is available



January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN's Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing is designed to meet the educational needs of clinicians working in the diverse perioperative environment. Speciality elective units of study are aligned with the main perioperative clinical roles; instrument/circulating, anaesthetic and post-anaesthetic care unit nursing. The core unit of study explores issues relating to professional practice, legal and ethical elements of care and maintaining a safe perioperative environment. Participants can choose from a range of elective units to investigate topics including pain across the lifespan, infection prevention and control and applied clinical physiology.

A Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing provides perioperative nurses with the knowledge and skills required to ensure better outcomes for the people in their care. It will also lead to career progression opportunities in areas such as clinical education, management and specialist nursing roles.

Students will need to complete four units – one core, one specialty and two electives. One unit is studied per term.

Unit	Type	Member price	Non-member price
<a href="#">Perioperative Nursing Practice (323)</a>	Core	\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<b>Choose one specialty elective from the following:</b>	Specialty elective		
<a href="#">Anaesthesia Nursing (365)</a>		\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Instrument/Circulating Nursing (283)</a>		\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Post-anaesthetic Care Unit Nursing (318)</a>		\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<b>Choose two electives from the following:</b>	Elective		
<a href="#">Advanced Applied Pathophysiology (in Clinical Practice) (344)</a>		\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Assessing and Managing Adult Pain (113)</a>		\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Infection Prevention and Control (364)</a>		\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Paediatric Pain – Assessment and Management (197)</a>		\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Principles of Diagnostic Medical Imaging Nursing (330)</a>		\$2,310.00	\$2,565.00
<a href="#">Understanding Data in Health Care (321)</a>		\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# STOMAL THERAPY NURSING



Online  
learning



FEE-HELP  
is available



January &  
July intakes



1 Year  
Part-time



12-15 hours  
weekly study  
load

ACN is proud to be the only online provider of the Graduate Certificate in Stomal Therapy Nursing. Guided by the philosophy of the Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses (AASTN), this course equips nurses who want to specialise in this field with the knowledge and the clinical skills to excel.

The course provides the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes of a specialist nurse in wound, ostomy and continence management and offers students with the theoretical foundation for application to practice, enabling the delivery of contemporary, evidence-based care. There is a strong clinical focus and the compulsory professional experience placement will permit exposure to this role and allow the students to reflect and benchmark against professional practice standards.

Unit	Type	Term	Member price	Non-member price	Clinical Placement
<u><a href="#">Advancing Professional Practice (340)</a></u>	Core	Term 1	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00	
<u><a href="#">Principles of Stoma Care (044)</a></u>	Core	Term 2	\$3,700.00	\$4,110.00	Required
<u><a href="#">Continence Management (045)</a></u>	Core	Term 3	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00	
<u><a href="#">Wound Management (050)</a></u>	Core	Term 4	\$2,630.00	\$2,925.00	

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7. Applied Dermatological Anatomy and Physiology
8. Applied Neonatal Physiology
9. Assessing and Managing Adult Pain
10. Assessment of Growth and Development
11. Assessment of the Older Person
12. Cardiac Nursing
13. Care Continuum and Survivorship in Breast Cancer Nursing
14. Cellular Therapies
15. Child Development in the Family Context
16. Chronic Disease Management in the Community
17. Clinical Issues in the Care of the Older Person
18. Clinical Leadership in Aged Care
19. Continence Management
20. Continuum of Care in Breast Cancer Nursing
21. Dementia Care
22. Digital Healthcare Governance
23. Emergency Nursing
24. Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain
25. Family and Child Health
26. Financial Management
27. Foundational Concepts in Drug and Alcohol Nursing
28. Foundational Concepts in Cosmetic Nursing
29. Foundations of Haematology Nursing
30. Foundations of Paediatric Nursing
31. Health Promotion and Harm Reduction in Alcohol and Other Drugs Nursing
32. Healthy Ageing
33. Human Resource Management
34. Infant and Child Nutrition and Feeding
35. Instrument/Circulating Nursing

- 36. Intensive Care Nursing
- 37. Interventional Radiology Nursing
- 38. Introduction to Leadership and Management
- 39. Neonatal Intensive Care
- 40. Neonatal Special Care
- 41. Paediatric Emergency Nursing
- 42. Paediatric Intensive Care Nursing
- 43. Paediatric Pain – Assessment and Management
- 44. Parkinson's Care
- 45. Post-anaesthetic Care Unit Nursing
- 46. Primary Health Nursing
- 47. Principles of Acute Paediatric Nursing
- 48. Principles of Breast Cancer Nursing
- 49. Principles of Cancer Care
- 50. Principles of Critical Care Nursing
- 51. Principles of Diagnostic Medical Imaging Nursing
- 52. Principles of Healthcare Digitalisation
- 53. Principles of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Nursing
- 54. Principles of Orthopaedic Nursing
- 55. Principles of Palliative Care Nursing
- 56. Principles of Stoma Care
- 57. Quality
- 58. Rural and Remote Nursing
- 59. Therapeutic Communication
- 60. Understanding Data in Health Care
- 61. Wound Management





## GRADUATION

# CELEBRATING YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

**ACN's Graduation Ceremony provides a special opportunity to meet your fellow graduates from across Australia and the Pacific face-to-face to celebrate your achievements while accepting your testamur.**

The prestigious annual event also incorporates the presentation of the High Achiever Award for each graduate certificate as well as the President's Award, which recognises the graduate with the highest overall grade across all graduate certificates.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

# LIZ'S EXPERIENCE

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When I commenced my Post Grad in Stomal Therapy I was a generalist nurse in the community. I was hesitant that fitting study in to my work and family life would be challenging but I am so glad I took the leap and dove into furthering myself.

The course complemented the skills I was using daily such as wound and catheter care. As I was completing the course, opportunities to undertake specialist nursing roles became available such as leave relief for the Stomal CNC and a secondment into the Continence specialty team providing me with the chance to consolidate my learning in a practical environment.

More recently I have commenced working for Ramsay Health as the Nurse Unit Manager of the Rehabilitation unit. The knowledge gained from my Postgraduate has enabled me to have a very holistic overview for patients in the unit. The skills I gained have been transferrable and the leadership subject has assisted with achieving my management role.

My skills now are used to support Rehabilitation patients, nursing staff on the ward and patient's with stoma formation. The Postgraduate Certificate in Stomal Therapy has accelerated my nursing career and reminds me that sometimes you just need to dive right into a challenge.

*The Postgraduate Certificate in Stomal Therapy has accelerated my nursing career and reminds me that sometimes you just need to dive right into a challenge.*



**LIZ HAIR MACN**  
ACN GRADUATE CERTIFICATE  
IN STOMAL THERAPY 2020



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